etc. A new programme called "Focus CIS" has been introduced. Duty Neutralization Schemes for import of inputs used for export production have been strengthened. Export Promotion being a constant endeavour of the Government, export performance is continuously monitored on a regular basis with a view to accelerating trade.

***Statement***

*The details of India's exports, imports and trade balance with Russia, US, China and UK during the last three years*

(Values in US $ Million)

| | Destination | April-March 2000-2001 | April-March 2001-02 | April-March 2002-03 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **A.** | **India's Exports** | | | |
| | USA | 9236.48 | 8513.34 | 10855.58 |
| | United Kingdom | 2272.02 | 2160.87 | 2472.93 |
| | China P.R. | 828.68 | 951.95 | 1961.11 |
| | Russia | 868.51 | 798.18 | 697.55 |
| **B.** | **India's Imports** | | | |
| | USA | 2839.74 | 3149.62 | 4417.54 |
| | United Kingdom | 3137.87 | 2563.20 | 2778.29 |
| | China P.R. | 1492.49 | 2036.39 | 2782.50 |
| | Russia | 516.35 | 535.51 | 589.50 |
| **C.** | **India's Trade Balance** | | | |
| | USA | 6396.74 | 5363.72 | 6438.04 |
| | United Kingdom | –865.85 | –402.33 | –305.36 |
| | China P.R. | –663.81 | –1084.44 | –821.39 |
| | Russia | 352.16 | 262.67 | 108.05 |

**Export of groundnut**

2717. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that although India produces the maximum

quantum of groundnut in the world, its export share is less than two per cent;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to increase India's export share in the global market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) India is the second largest producer of groundnuts after China and its share in the world market is about 5%.

The total quantity and value of groundnut exported during 2001-02 and April, 2002—February, 2003 is as under :–

| Year | Qty. (Mts) | Value (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 2001-02 | 112813 | 250.94 |
| Apr., 2002—Feb., 2003 | 59401 | 151.64 |

(Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta)

(c) Some of the steps taken to enhance agri-exports, including groundnut include sending delegations abroad, participating in International trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products, conducting market surveys and accredition of laboratories for carrying out tests for afflatoxin in groundnut.

**Supply of coal to MMTC**

2718. SHRI MURLI DEORA : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether MMTC Ltd. had entered into an agreement, with a supplier during 2001-2002 for suply of coal of superior quality at a lower rate;

(b) whether during the carrying of this valid agreement, MMTC entered into another agreement with the same supplier for supply of coal of lower quality at a higher rate;

(c) if so, the facts thereof and the reasons therefor; and